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Letter dated 17 October 2002 from the Acting President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for appropriate action by the Fifth Committee, a letter from the Secretary-General dated 14 October 2002 addressed to the President of the General Assembly, concerning the rates of assessment for Switzerland and Timor-Leste for the financing of peacekeeping operations (see annex).

(*Signed*) June Ivonne **Clarke**
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Annex to the letter dated 17 October 2002 from the Acting President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 55/235 of 23 December 2000 on the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations, by which the Assembly, inter alia, established 10 levels of contribution as the basis for establishing rates of assessment for its Member States for the financing of peacekeeping operations.

At its sixty-second session, the Committee on Contributions authorized its Chairman to bring to the attention of the General Assembly its conclusions concerning the rates of assessment for East Timor (Timor-Leste) and Switzerland prospectively in the event the Assembly took action to admit those States to membership in the United Nations. These observations and recommendations of the Committee on Contributions are included in paragraphs 101 to 106 of its report (A/57/11).

In light of General Assembly resolution 57/1 of 10 September 2002 on the admission of the Swiss Confederation to membership in the United Nations and resolution 57/3 of 27 September 2002 on the admission of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to membership in the United Nations, the Assembly will need to consider the placement of these two new Member States under the system of levels established by its resolution 55/235 for the purpose of establishing their rates of assessment for peacekeeping operations.

In this connection, I have the honour to propose that this question be considered under item 126 of the agenda of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations".

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**